RAWR
Why won't you release the next chapter?!
Can I help you?
What can I do to help?
I don't know how to edit or translate
Fan Girl
It's not like YOU helped out any
We don't have enough translators or editors
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THE RAPID SOULS BEHIND YOUR FAVORITE RELEASES!

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Chapter 04

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Married to [illegible] guy! Cougar! RAWR! >D

- Lacaille

七月の花嫁
しちがつ
はなよめ
JULY BRIDE

WAIT!
SCRUB
BANG
WAH?!
KYA!
OUCH
I'M...
I'M SORRY...
KAZUSA!
SHOCK

I...
GLOMP
I'VE PROMISED THIS MAN TO MARRY HIM!
What do I do?
Huff
COME BACK
RUNNING OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MARRIAGE INTERVIEW IS IMPOSSIBLY RUDE TO YOUR PARTNER!
Exactly right
HE'S JUST A CLEANER WHO HAPPENED TO STAND THERE!
ARE YOU OK WITH HEIGHTS?
whisper
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING
AND JUST DO WHAT I TELL YOU!
What do I do?
What do I have to do?
Someone...

CHUCK
KYAAA!
EH—
WELL THEN
THAT'S HOW IT IS
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
40 SECONDS UNTIL THE ROOF
FLY NOW
OUCH—
HEY!
CREEEEAK
elevator
?!

Rooftop
Bang
HEY!
YOU THERE!
EH?
STRIP.
HAVE YOU SEEN A GIRL IN A KIMONO AND A DUMB-LOOKING MAN WITH THE SAME UNIFORM AS YOU?
SO THEY WENT DOWN THE FIRE EXIT!
NOD
DID THEY GO?
SORRY FOR LOOKING DUMB
WELL THEN, DO YOUR BEST
EH?
SAVE YOURSELF FROM NOW ON.
THAT'S
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON MY OWN!
Give & Take!

HOW MUCH WILL YOU PAY ME?
clench
flop
WHA
unzip
blush
WHA...
WITH MONEY OR WITH YOUR BODY, ANY WAY YOU LIKE IS FINE WITH ME
IF YOU'RE NOT PREPARED TO GO THAT FAR GO BACK TO YOUR DADDY RIGHT NOW
WAVE WAVE
THANKS FOR THE HELP!
I'LL NEVER DEPEND ON YOU AGAIN!
STOMP STOMP STOMP

I MUST DO SOME-THING
...ABOUT CLOTHES-
KYAA!
THUD
?!
Huff...
Huff...
HIDE UNDER THE SHEETS
I TOLD YOU, I WON'T RELY ON YOU EVEN IF YOU BEGGED ME—
PLEASE, BE SO KIND AS TO GRACIOUSLY ALLOW ME TO SAVE YOU.
.....
.....
ROLL ROLL
WHERE DID YOU GET THE OUTFIT?
JUST BOR-ROWED IT.
FIRST, LET'S LEAVE THE HOTEL.
OVA
OK...

NOW, GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM AT ONCE,
AND THEN—
CLICK
EH
EHM
WHAT?
OF COURSE I CAN'T PAY RIGHT AWAY, BUT
Ehm
I'll
I mean ehm
Ehm
GOOD JOB SURVIVING FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.
EH?
HOW MUCH SHOULD I PAY YOU?
LET'S SAY WE'RE EVEN.
IF YOU WAIT A BIT, YOUR FATHER'S INDIGNATION WILL COOL OFF.
EH?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
AND IF YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT BECOMING INDEPENDENT, I DON'T MIND HELPING YOU.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

SO YOU'VE LIVED IN A BOARDING SCHOOL IN ENGLAND ALL THIS TIME?
She's a real spoiled lady
AND THIS YEAR, YOUR FATHER ORDERED YOU TO COME BACK,
AND SHIPPED YOU FROM THE AIRPORT STRAIGHT TO THE MARRIAGE INTERVIEW?
YES, SINCE I WAS ELEVEN.
I GUESS RICH LITTLE LADIES HAVE IT ROUGH, TOO.
What do I want to do...?
Rough..?
NOT REALLY
BUT... HOW DID YOU GUESS HE'S A DETECTIVE AFTER JUST ONE LOOK?
I KNOW ALL OF THEM, FROM A TO Z.
I'VE BEEN IN HIS CARE BEFORE.
AH, SO THAT'S IT...
W-WHY?
WHAT IS IT?
DOES YOUR DAD HAVE CONNECTIONS IN THE POLICE?
OF COURSE NOT!
THERE'S A DETECTIVE IN FRONT OF THE ROOM.
EH?!
IN HIS CARE...?

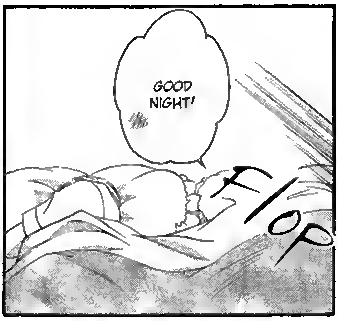
THREE DAYS
I WON'T WAIT ANY LONGER.
AMAMIYA YUUJI.
YES, OF COURSE!
KOUHASHI-KUN,
I WANT TO SEE YOUR SKILLS, TOO
OF COURSE
HE WAS RECORDED AS A WORKER FOR A SMALL CLEANING COMPANY
glare
Come to think of it
HE WAS VERY PROFESSIONAL WHEN WE WERE ESCAPING FROM THE HOTEL, TOO
What in the world...
...is he?

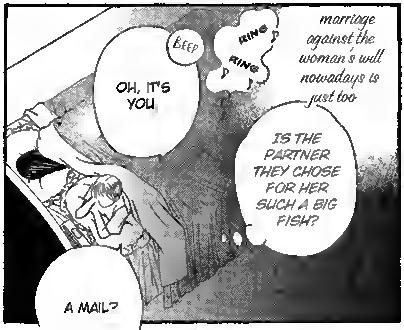
Sparkling
Sparkling
Sparkling
OF COURSE
ARE YOU SUCH A FIDGETY SLEEPER?
No
BUT...
How?
THERE'S ONLY ONE BED...
AMAZING! SWEET!
ARE ALL JAPANESE HOTELS LIKE THIS?!
space out
I'LL USE THE BATHROOM FIRST
I understand
AH
THE BILL WILL BE BIGGER FOR DOUBLE BEDS
HAHA
No way
← Doesn't understand
THUD
FLOP

It's no time to be getting scared now
I don't even know who he is
I somehow came this far...
...on pure zeal...
but what do I do from now on?
HEY!
BATH—
BEEP
GLANCE
Caaaa~
Caaaa~
shock
ABSENT
OH, MAN

SLIP
REACH
Gyaaaa!
Kyaa!
HEY
You all right?
Gyah!
Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha
Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha
Lane!
I'm going to the bath
Pfft
BUZZ!

"YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?"
When I come out..?
I'm so lame.
This is the worst.
He laughed at me.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT HIM WHEN I COME OUT?
Imaginary woman
Kyaa! Kyaa!
Fuzzy thoughts
But that kind of food doesn't take no for an answer.
Just see me and leave me!
Wha
What am I thinking?!
Disappear!
Sigh
Anguish
It keeps coming back even if I try to shut it out!
And...
Whatever
I'M SORRY
Mmm
THANKS
snore
HE'S ASLEEP...





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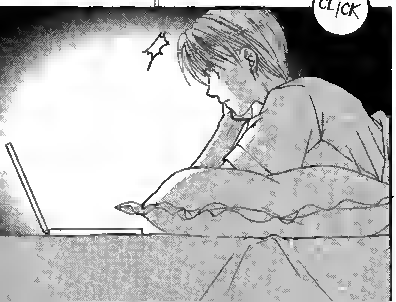

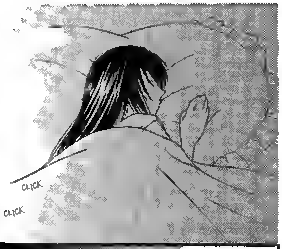

HOW MANY ASSOCIATED COMPANIES ARE THERE?!
It's true, that's the very top of the large business companies...
It's no wonder that there's political pressure on the daughter's marriage, but...

BANG
EMPTY!
ARE YOU SURE THAT THE COMPANION WAS THIS PERSON?
AH!
YES!
I'M SURE THEY WERE HERE JUST A WHILE AGO...
WANTI
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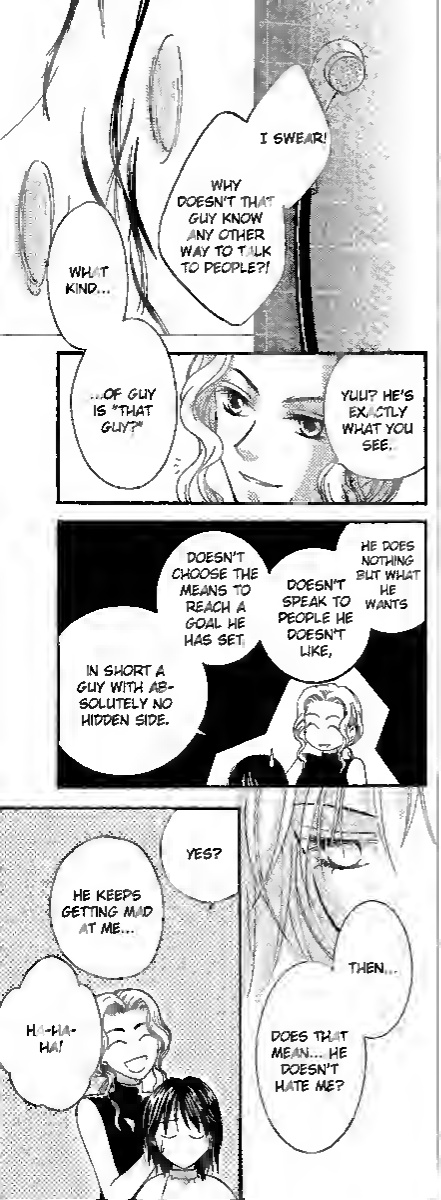
¥1,000,0
THAT'S QUITE...
A LOW ESTIMATE.
UHM...?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...?

HOW ABOUT THIS OR THIS?
Ah!
THIS MIGHT SUIT YOU.
Hey!
DON'T MAKE HER WEAR ANYTHING WEIRD.
clingy
CUTE!
clingy
HER SKIN IS SILKY AND HER HAIR IS SHINY.
clingy
SHE'S LIKE A DOLL!
AHHH!
AND WHY DO YOU HAVE SUCH FRILLY CLOTHES IN THE FIRST PLACE?!
Ah?
DON'T TELL ME YOU PLAN TO WEAR THEM?!
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!
EHM...
THEY'RE THE WRONG SIZE!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A MAIDEN'S HEART!
WHO'S A MAIDEN?!
ARE YOU TWO LOVERS?
I LIKE WOMEN!
Kyaaa!
Come on
IT'S COLORED SO NICELY
.....?

BLACK HAIR SUITS YOU, TOO.
AS EXPECTED OF A BLONDIE
YUU!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME ABOUT EVERY-THING
IF YOU THINK YOU SHOULD, THEN DO IT
YOU CAME THIS FAR BE-CAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR FATHER TELLING YOU WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?
SHOULD I
SHOULD I DO SOMETHING ABOUT MINE, TOO?


I SWEAR!
WHY DOESN'T THAT GUY KNOW ANY OTHER WAY TO TALK TO PEOPLE?!
WHAT KIND...
...OF GUY IS "THAT GUY?"
YUU? HE'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SEE.
HE DOES NOTHING BUT WHAT HE WANTS
DOESN'T SPEAK TO PEOPLE HE DOESN'T LIKE,
DOESN'T CHOOSE THE MEANS TO REACH A GOAL HE HAS SET.
IN SHORT A GUY WITH ABSOLUTELY NO HIDDEN SIDE.
YES?
HE KEEPS GETTING MAD AT ME...
HA-HA-HA!
THEN...
DOES THAT MEAN... HE DOESN'T HATE ME?

DO YOU WANT ME TO START TELLING YOU WHAT TO DO INSTEAD?
.....

DO YOU HAVE SCISSORS?

HOW TO PUT IT...
HE'S MORE THAN ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE, SO...
..MAYBE HE FEELS RESTRAINED IN MANY WAYS.
EHM...
I THINK HE KNOWS SOME DETECTIVES
BUT IT HAS BECOME A POLICE MATTER ONLY SEVERAL TIMES.
THERE WAS A TIME IN HIS LIFE WHEN HE DID THE MOST UNREASONABLE THINGS.
YES, I GUESS THERE'S A RUTHLESS SIDE TO HIM
BUT YOU KNOW, HE'S BECOME MUCH CALMER LATELY.
EH?!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S THINKING AT ALL,
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE FATHER AND CHILD...
I HADN'T SEEN DAD FOR MANY YEARS
AND HE DIDN'T EVEN CALL...
I...
IT'S NOT THAT I REALLY HATED IT
I BROKE OFF ALL BONDS WITH MY PARENTS BECAUSE I'M THIS WAY.
SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER EXACTLY BECAUSE THEY ARE RELATED
"WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?"
ALL I WANTED WAS TO RUN AWAY FROM THAT PLACE
I WAS AFRAID BOTH TO GO AGAINST THEM AND TO OBEY THEM.
I WAS JUST SCARED

Nine
"July Bride"
It's a little old. I hadn't read it for a long time (and I writhed while I did.)
The characters are a bit too larger than life. And the only non-black haired man I managed to put in this collection turned black-hair halfway through.
I'm supposed to have drawn this, but there were many parts I had forgotten and thus I was reminded about my own problems with memory. And on top of that, the heroine here and in "Him and her, plus one" have the same names (although spelled with different characters), which came as a second surprise.
I'm such an idiot...
YEAH.
I SAW.
WAS THAT YOUR IDEA?
I KNEW IT.
PULLING THE STRINGS ON THE BANKS AND THE CREDIT CARDS, TOO...
NO MATTER WHAT, THAT'S GOING TOO FAR WHEN YOU'RE UP AGAINST AN ORDINARY NEWBIE
IF THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE...
IF I HADN'T MET HIM BACK THEN...
...I'M SURE I WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP.
IT MAKES ME VERY RELUCTANT TO GO EASY.

STILL NOT FOUND?!
BANG
BOSS!
I'M VERY SOR—
WHAT?
EHM...
LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS A VIRUS IN ONE OF THE MAILS, OFFERING INFORMATION...
AH, OF COURSE.
WE USED THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE PROTECTIVE SYSTEM,
BUT EVEN THE LATEST [redacted] HAS ITS WEAKNESSES
SO WHAT?!
OUR SERVERS WERE DESTROYED.

SORRY, SORRY
SO, LET'S GO.
EH?
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
AH?
EHM ..?
IT'S FINE, JUST COME
GRAB
DON'T TOUCH OTHER PEOPLE'S STUFF.
ALL RIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH.
ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT, YOU BAS—
TAR
under 180

VIGILANT
I WANT TO BE, BUT...
DO I look like such an easy woman?
BE MORE VIGILANT!
YOU HAVE TOO MANY OPENINGS, OF COURSE PEOPLE WOULD TRY TO GET AT YOU!
I'M SORRY
AT LEAST TAKE CARE OF THE GUYS WHO MAKE PASSES AT YOU ON YOUR OWN!
KAZUSA, BY ANY CHANCE...
..HAVE YOU NEVER DATED A MAN BEFORE?
THAT'S A SECRET!
ALL RIGHT, NO NEED TO PUT ON AIRS
I'M NOT PUTTING ON AIRS!
EVEN I HAVE—
CRUSH
.....
.....
Not listening
yawn

MY OWN?
I GUESS I HAVE FOREIGN BLOOD MIXED IN SOMEWHERE
SO THAT BLOND HAIR WAS YOUR OWN?
AH..?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY STRONG BLOOD, TO SHOW UP EVEN IN MY HAIR COLOR
MOM IS A PURE JAPANESE, SO IT MUST'VE COME FROM MY FATHER'S SIDE
THE COLOR OF YOUR EYES, YUU
BUT NOW THAT THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD TELL FOR CERTAIN IS DEAD,
I GUESS I'LL NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH
MY DAD?
IT'S TOO LATE NOW
BLOOD RELATIONS ARE JUST BOTHERSOME
I CAN LIVE ON MY OWN JUST FINE
.....
AREN'T YOU GOING TO TRACE HIM?

PARENTS SURE HAVE IT ROUGH, TOO.
ESPECIALLY MEN WHO HAVE DAUGHTERS...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TREASURE A DAUGHTER,
ONE DAY SOME OTHER MAN WILL SNATCH HER.
THEY NEVER GET ANY REWARD FOR WHAT THEY DO.
THEN YOU SHOULD JUST TREASURE YOUR WIFE INSTEAD.
pfft
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

EH ?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
Ah.
What?
Somehow
WAKE ME UP IN HALF AN HOUR.
YU—
YUU...?
Frozen Stiff
He really fell asleep
He must be tired
He was up earlier this morning than me
Isn't there anything I can do?
I always rely on him
I always cause him trouble.
Something I can do for him..?

I TOLD YOU TO WAKE ME UP IN HALF AN HOUR!
My neck
YOU WERE SLEEPING SO COMFORT-ABLY...
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT LETS SOMEONE SLEEP IN THAT POSITION FOR THREE HOURS?!
BUT YOU LOOKED SO CUTE ASLEEP
ALTHOUGH YOU'D BE MAD IF I SAID THAT
POKE
UGH
HYAAA!
SHO
CK
I KNEW IT...!
Iect
THROB THROB
Arm gone numb after the sudden rush of blood.
YOU...
YOU MEANIE...!

STOP...
YUU!
PLEASE...
← Suspiciously worried
NO...
Eeek! It hurts! It throbs
LET GO...
RING RING♪
♪ RING
exhausted
huff
huff
huff
huff
YES!
Damn! IT WAS JUST GETTING INTERESTING.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
TALKING ON THE PHONE.
MR. TSU NAMI IS APPLYING PRESSURE
TSUNAMI KAZUSA IS WITH YOU RIGHT?!
GOOD JOB FINDING THIS NUMBER.
As expected of a detective
SHUT UP AND LISTEN!
WHO?
IF HIS DAUGHTER IS NOT RETURNED WITHIN 48 HOURS,
YOU WILL BE CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION OF A MINOR AND ANNOUNCED AS A WANTED CRIMINAL.

ARE YOU BEING OBSTINATE?! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU
WHAT ARE YOU SO FLARED UP ABOUT?
WELL, I'M STILL A MINOR, YOU KNOW.
They can't reveal my face or my name so it won't be much of an investigation
IT'S NO TIME TO BE SO CALM ABOUT IT!
Don't make fools of the police!
AH, SO HE'S GOT THERE.
Not giving up good job
NO I'M CALM AND COOL.
MORE THAN I'VE EVER BEEN
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO CONTACT HER.
WHO KNOWS...?
I HAVEN'T MET HER SINCE SHE GOT A DIVORCE
MY MOM?

BANG
YUU!
DRIP
DRIP
COME ON, STAY OUT OF THE WAY.
Hey!
DON'T LAY A FINGER ON THE WOMAN OR WE'LL LOSE THE REWARD MONEY.
IS IT REALLY HIM?
WASN'T HE BLOND IN THE PICTURE ON THE NET?
WHO KNOWS?
WHO CARES!

sfx kick
cough
slam
?!
third
WHA
THIS IS LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE
Snapped
NO HOLDING BACK.
Eh?
Gyaa~
Wah! Stop!
Let's talk it over!
Idiot! Monster!
Dizzy

KAZUSA ...?
I'M FINE, IT'S NO BIG DEAL
WHAT REWARD MONEY?
DON'T TOUCH YOU'LL GET BLOODY
CL@NK
YUU!
...YOU'RE WITH ME..?
IS IT BE-CAUSE
I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET INVOLVED WITH ME!
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH Y—
THAT'S MY PROBLEM

I'm such an idiot.
How could I let this happen?
WAIT!
HEY!
That's not what I meant to happen!
ENOUGH...

WHAT'S ENOUGH?
...
BECAUSE
BECAUSE AT THIS RATE, YOU WILL!
THIS IS NOT ABOUT ME, IT'S ABOUT YOU!
JUST LET ME GO ALREADY!
YOU'RE NOT HERE JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT TO RUN AWAY FROM YOUR DAD, RIGHT?!

I DON'T KNOW.
I UNDER-ST ND.
...we should not stay together any longer.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT WH T I W NT TO DO...
...NOTHING COMES TO MIND.
The truth is that...
JUST GO WHEREVER YOU PLE SE.

BUT BEFORE THAT,
YOU HAVE TO PAY YOUR DEBT
EH...
YU—
YUKI

AH...
.....
.....
JUST TO LET YOU KNOW...
THAT WASN'T ANYWHERE NEAR ENOUGH.
WILL YOU TRY RUNNING AWAY...
...FROM ME THIS TIME?
EH?!

YANK
THEN
LET'S CONTINUE THIS, SHALL WE?
WHAT?
Trying not to laugh
DON'T TELL ME,
Huh?
EH?!
RI—
RIGHT NOW?!
CO—
What?
CONTINUE?!
YOU MEAN—
SO?
WERE YOU TEASING ME?!
HA-HA-HA!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

What do I want to do?
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.
squeeze
Just a little longer.

IT HAPPENS OFTEN, DOESN'T IT?
?
YEAH, YEAH, COMPANY DIRECTOR, KING, PRESIDENT, ANYTHING YOU LIKE.
YEAH SHE'S A REAL LITTLE LADY
AND SO, HE TURNED OUT TO BE THE HEIR OF AN ARISTOCRATIC FAMILY.
SO MOM WALKED AWAY FROM THIS LOVE AFFAIR BECAUSE OF THEIR HUGE DIFFERENCE IN SOCIAL STATUS
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SAYING THIS?
Just a little bit longer.
rustle
rustle
WHAT?
smile
I JUST HAD AN INTERESTING IDEA ♪
Ah I have a bad feeling
SAY...

WE HAVE THE SAME BIRTHDAY?
REALLY...
EH?!
YOU'RE OLDER...?
No way!
AMAMIYA YUUJI.
COULD YOU ACCOMPANY US TO THE STATION?
YOU DETECTIVES REALLY ARE BOORS
CAN'T YOU WAIT AT LEAST A MINUTE MORE?
Hug
You're still not married because you're so immature.
Mind your own biz.
THERE WAS A JAPANESE SAYING FOR TIMES LIKE THESE...
WHAT WAS IT AGAIN?
Hm?
WELL...
WHAT STARTED OUT AS A LIE BECAME THE TRUTH...

I'M GOING HOME.
How quickly...
...it all ended.
THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK, KOUHASHI-KUN.
FOR NOTHING.
KAZUSA!
MISS, IT'S NOT TOO LATE, IT CAN STILL BE WRITTEN OFF AS VOLUNTARY SURRENDER.
DON'T LISTEN TO THEM! IT'S ALL JUST THREATS.
TSUNAMI KAZUSA-SAN, IF YOU DON'T RETURN TODAY, WE'LL HAVE TO ARREST HIM.
WHY HIM? WEREN'T YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
WAIT!
Ah!

SHE SPENT SEVERAL DAYS WITH SOME UNKNOWN MAN..!
EVEN IF I KNOW WHO A MAN IS,
MARRYING SOMEONE I DON'T LOVE IS WRONG
Smile
I'M KOUHASHI, A LAWYER
NICE TO MEET YOU AGAIN, KAZUSA-SAN
We couldn't meet the other day at the restaurant
Hmph
ESPECIALLY AFTER YOU ELOPED, TOO, DAD
Dad you?
AND AS EXPECTED, EVERYTHING FAILED!
IT'S BECAUSE OF SWEET-TALK LIKE THIS THAT THE GIRL IS GETTING IDEAS IN HER HEAD!
IT'S ONLY NATURAL SHE'D BE CONFUSED WHEN SUDDENLY FACED WITH MARRIAGE
KAZUSA!
COME, COME
THE LADY IS STILL YOUNG
THEN...
I'M THE RESULT OF A FAILURE?

ANYWAY, KOUHASHI-KUN, ENTER YOUR NAME IN THE REGIS-TER!
THAT'S THE CONDITION UNDER WHICH I LEAVE THE JOB TO YOU!
KNOCK
KNOCK
YUU?!
clack
SCREEEEEEEEEEEE

crash
crunch
SORRY FOR THE LATE INTRODUCTION.
I CAME TO TAKE YOUR DAUGHTER.

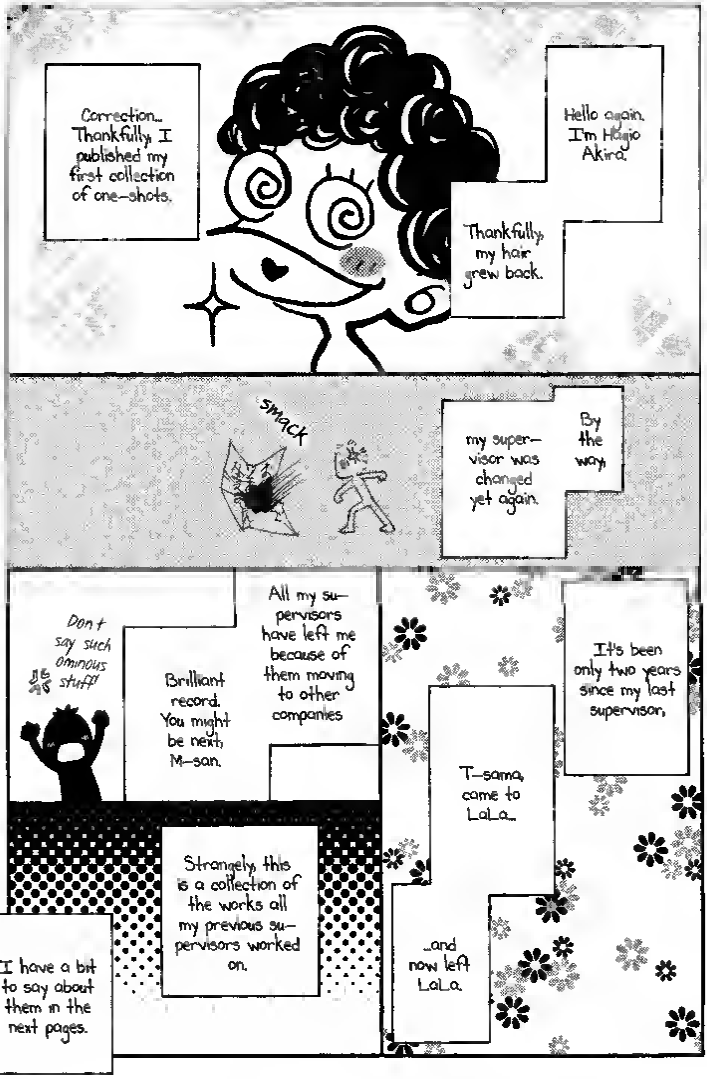
I HAVE A GOOD LAWYER
BESIDES
I THOUGHT DRESSING FORMALLY IS MORE APPROPRIATE
WHA
WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT?
And roses too?
IT'S BAD FOR YOU IF YOUR FUTURE SON-IN-LAW HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD, RIGHT?
WHO'S A SON-IN-LAW?!
YOU WERE STILL SUPPOSED TO BE IN CONFINEMENT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO. ONCE SHE IS 20, SHE DOESN'T NEED PARENTAL APPROVAL ANYMORE
I'LL NEVER APPROVE OF YOU!
SUBMITTED IT FIRST THING THIS MORNING ♡
YOU MEAN...
Ah you're getting more perverted recently
EH ?
YOU SUBMITTED IT?!
DON'T TELL ME
THE MARRIAGE REGISTRATION FORM WE FILLED ?
ば
And so
HAPPY TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY!
THANKS
Ah!
SEX FLOP

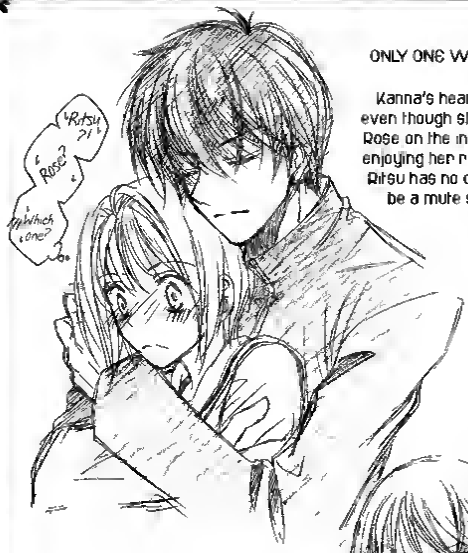
You really submitted it?!
Really really
You weren't joking?!
Did you sign without hearing it?
Ehm
Early bird catches the worm
AND POLYGAMY IS FORBIDDEN IN JAPAN, RIGHT?
YOU COULD TAKE ME TO COURT AND USE YOUR PARENTAL AUTHORITY,
BUT KAZUSA IS OF AGE NOW, SO YOU CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT
NO MATTER WHAT TRICKS YOU USE, SUCH A MARRIAGE IS—
THAT'S WHY YOU PLANNED TO USE A MAN WHO DOES ANYTHING YOU ASK HIM TO BIND HER
YOU CAGED HER ALL THIS TIME IN THAT OVERSEAS SCHOOL FOR THE SAME REASON.
YOU WERE AFRAID THAT ONE DAY SHE'D LEAVE YOU
... AND GO BACK TO HER MOTHER'S SIDE.
YOU BETRAYED ME?!
I ALMOST HAD MY HEAD SPLIT OPEN BECAUSE OF YOU
I TOLD YOU TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT...
Eh?!
WHAT? YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?!
Eh?
I GUESS IT WON'T HAPPEN...
NOW IF ONLY THE FATHER WOULD COOPERATE, EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER CLEANLY, BUT...
What a pitiful reason
Ah
WHAT?!
THE GOOD LAWYER OVER THERE.
Who
WHO SAID SUCH A THING?!
IS IT TRUE?

KAZUSA!
YOU'RE JUST DOING THIS ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT!
COOL DOWN AND THINK ABOUT IT!
LET'S GO!
IMPOSSIBLE.

YOU CAN SAY THAT HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF.
IS HE A SUCH A MAN THAT YOU'D GO THIS FAR FOR HIM?
HE'S MY FIRST CLIENT EVER
I COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL FOR HIM.
IN SICK-NESS..
AND IN HEALTH...
BESIDES...
HE'S THE MAN I WANT LEAST OF ALL TO BE MY ENEMY
.....
OOPS..?
What was next?
ISN'T THIS A TOY RING?
I DON'T HAVE MONEY TO BUY A REAL ONE.

IN ORDER FOR US TO BECOME WORTHY OF A REAL RING ONE DAY,
KEEP ON LOVING ME.


Correction... Thankfully, I published my first collection of one-shots.
Hello again. I'm Higio Akira.
Thankfully, my hair grew back.
SMACK
By the way,
my supervisor was changed yet again.
Don't say such ominous stuff!
Brilliant record. You might be next, M-san.
All my supervisors have left me because of them moving to other companies
It's been only two years since my last supervisor,
T-sama came to LaLa...
...and now left LaLa.
Strangely, this is a collection of the works all my previous supervisors worked on.
I have a bit to say about them in the next pages.



ONLY ONE WISH

Kanna's heart is racing even though she knows it's Rose on the inside. Rose is enjoying her response and Rifsu has no choice but to be a mute spectator

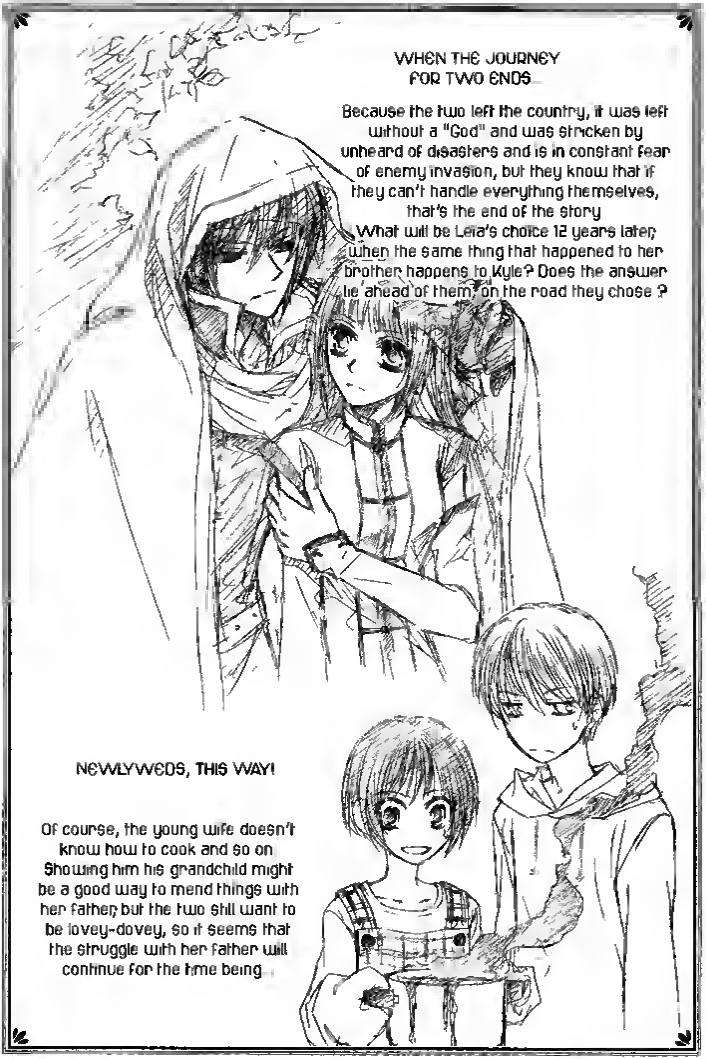
ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A REASON TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER PLACE TO BE

Kazusa is the same age as Saya was three years ago, when she met Akihito. Of course, she infiltrates the Sagara home. She starts growing her hair long after entering university.

She's something like a daughter to Akihito and she might have been his niece, so there shouldn't be any romantic feelings involved, but

His heart is swayed because of their resemblance, but also because of if he slams on the brakes.

What if she brings home a boyfriend in the meantime? He's worried about that every day



WHEN THE JOURNEY FOR TWO ENDS...

Because the two left the country, it was left without a "God" and was stricken by unheard of disasters and is in constant fear of enemy invasion, but they know that if they can't handle everything themselves, that's the end of the story.

What will be Lera's choice 12 years later, when the same thing that happened to her brother happens to Kyle? Does the answer lie ahead of them, on the road they chose?

NEWLYWEDS, THIS WAY!

Of course, the young wife doesn't know how to cook and so on. Showing him his grandchild might be a good way to mend things with her father, but the two still want to be lovey-dovey, so it seems that the struggle with her father will continue for the time being...

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